

Application for Garden of Peace Engraving

Victim Information

Full Name
Date of Birth
Date of Death
Connection to Massachusetts <i>Check all that apply.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Birthplace <input type="checkbox"/> Place of homicide <input type="checkbox"/> Current or former residence <input type="checkbox"/> Family/survivor's residence

Applicant Information

Full Name
Mailing Address
Phone
Email
Relationship to Victim I am the victim's:

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Stories Behind the Names

Telling the story of your loved one.

- Behind the names in the Garden of Peace are real people, including someone you loved.
- It's important their stories are told to memorialize the lives they lived, and so others can know who and what's been lost.
- Woven together, *Stories Behind the Names* provide a powerful reminder of the impact of violence and ideally will inspire work for a world of peace and hope.
- If you'd like to share a written story of your loved one for inclusion on the Garden of Peace website, please indicate it on your application or call or email us any time.
- Only stories of victims memorialized in the Garden of Peace are included in this project and must be submitted by family or with the family's support. All stories are limited in size and subject to edits, which will be discussed with you before posting.

Guidelines for Stories Behind the Names

The questions below are intended to help you tell your loved one's story.

What would you like others to know about them and their life? For example—

- What or who did they enjoy and/or love?
- What or who made them happy?
- Who or what inspired them?
- What are some important or fun memories you and others have of them?
- What do you and/or others miss most about them?
- What is their legacy?

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MOVA/GARDEN of PEACE

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Remembering Your Loved One

The Garden of Peace was established in 2004 as a Massachusetts memorial to victims of homicide, located in Boston near the State House. The Garden is a place where families, friends, and the larger community may remember and honor the lives of those taken by violence. It serves as an enduring reminder of the impact of violence and a visual testament of the need to eliminate it. The Garden is intended to be a symbol of hope, peace, and renewal. We invite you to add the name of your loved one to the Garden of Peace.

Application Guidelines

MOVA welcomes conversations pertaining to these guidelines as we invest in expanding our lens of survivorship, victimization, trauma, and violence. The experiences of victims and survivors take many forms. We will seek to understand survivor perspectives where there is lack of clarity and use this to inform our review of applications. Contact MOVA at gardenofpeace@mass.gov.

- **Victim of Homicide.** The victim's death must have resulted from a crime of homicide committed against them.
- **Connection to Massachusetts.** The victim must have a connection to Massachusetts: the victim's place of birth, death, current or former residence, and/or family's residence.
- **Family consent.** For applications made by someone other than an immediate family member (parent, guardian, sibling, grandparent, spouse, child, life partner), it is preferred that immediate family is

consulted prior to an application being approved. Even within families, MOVA encourages applicants to communicate with other family members about the application for engraving.

- **Confirmation of application.** MOVA will contact you to verify eligibility and engraving information. If you have not heard from us within two weeks, please feel free to call 617-586-1369 or email gardenofpeace@mass.gov to confirm your application has been received.

Engravings

- Each engraving includes the victim's name, date of birth, and date of death.
- Applications may be submitted any time throughout the year, keeping in mind any applications received and verified before August 1st will allow for engraving the same year and read aloud at the Annual Honor Program in September. Any application received and verified after August 1st may be held for engraving the following year and will be read aloud also during the following year.
- All engravings since 2020 have been made on reflection plaques in the Garden. All the stones that do not have an engraving are unable to be engraved due to their porousness.

Donations

- Donations are warmly accepted on an ongoing basis and are always helpful towards sustaining the Garden of Peace and maintenance costs, but not required for engraving requests. The Garden is charged

for engraving and maintenance but waives this fee for applicants.

- Applications are not approved or denied based on a donation; suggested voluntary donation amounts are \$25, \$75, \$100, or \$150.
- Donations may be made by check payable to MOVA/Garden of Peace. Mail application and donation to MOVA/Garden of Peace, One Ashburton Pl., Suite 1310, Boston, MA 02108.
- Donations may also be made online at www.mass.gov/support-the-garden-of-peace.

	I will donate electronically. Visit mass.gov/support-the-garden-of-peace .*
	Enclosed is a check for \$_____.*

*As an agency of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Mass. Office for Victim Assistance (MOVA) is considered a charitable organization pursuant to 26 U.S. Code § 170. Donations are used solely for the public purpose of supporting the Garden of Peace. Written confirmation of the preceding, your donation amount, and the Commonwealth's Tax Identification Number will be provided to you upon receipt of your donation.

Stories Behind the Names

See back middle panel for more information.

Are you interested in preparing a story of your loved one to be posted on the Garden of Peace website?

☐ Yes ☐ No, or not at this time

If Yes, we will provide guidance when we speak with you.

Application form is on flip side. →